

City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: March 16, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Megan Sterling, *Chair*
Cynthia Jones, *Vice Chair*
Ralph Wilson
Ellen Bachman
Alexis Ross
Joy Petroff
Irene Frklich
Cindy Smith
Steven Miner

Staff Present

Heather Wolf
Tony Garvey
Brandon Williams
Anna Mathews
Polly Bonnett
Joyce Abbott
Janice Dell

Members Absent

Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Board Chair, Megan Sterling, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:33 p.m. on March 16, 2021.
Approval of January 19th meeting minutes	<p>The January 19th meeting minutes were moved by Alexis Ross and seconded by Irene Frklich. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Sterling, Jones, Wilson, Bachman, Ross, Petroff, Frklich, Smith and Miner NAYS – None</p>
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements	No Introductions or Recognitions. Management Assistant II, Tony Garvey, announced that each of the Board members will be mailed a MPL branded mask to thank them for their service to the Library system.
Volunteer Appreciation Week	Volunteer Coordinator, Janice Dell, gave an update on Library volunteer activities and the Citywide volunteer appreciation week, which is held on April 18 th -24 th . Janice shared that there will be raffles each day to give out prizes to volunteers and that MPL will be filming an appreciation video for the dedicated volunteers. Janice also shared the volunteer walk of fame, which is a trail of stars throughout downtown Mesa, each star representing a handful of volunteers. Board Chair Megan Sterling thanked Janice for participating in this week and for everything being done to celebrate the MPL volunteers.
Park & Pick-up by appointment	Red Mountain Branch Coordinator, Joyce Abbott, updated the Board on the new Library App and how it will work with the Park and Pick up by appointment service being provided. She shared how the app can work with Alexa devices, make appointments to visit the library and pick up materials, and the 2-way conversation that the user can have with MPL staff.

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Branch Updates	Branch Coordinators, Polly Bonnett (Main Branch), Joyce Abbott (Red Mountain Branch), and Anna Mathews (Dobson Ranch Branch), each provided the Board with an update on the services being provided and projects underway at their respective Branches. After Main Branch Coordinator, Polly Bonnett, shared the photos of the Children’s room remodel, Board member Cynthia Jones voiced her support and admiration for the work done so far. Board Chair Megan Sterling asked about the opening date and Polly shared that it is scheduled for completion in July of 2021. After Dobson Ranch Branch Coordinator, Anna Mathews, shared the update on the Dobson Ranch THINKspot addition and façade improvements, Board member Ellen Bachman asked about the possibility of a branch closure during construction. Heather shared that this is still in deliberation, cost savings are being discussed and no decision has been made at this time.
Library Director’s Update	Library Director, Heather Wolf, presented the Board with updates on the Mesa Express Library at Monterey Park concept and the possible features that it will include. She shared that library addition to the park will be a first of its kind in Mesa. It is going to be located in the new Monterey Park on the corner of Guadalupe Rd and Power Rd. The first phase of the project has cost \$350,000 but final cost estimates will come once the design is complete. Heather shared that this new MEL will be housed in permanent shipping containers, which have been modeled after Meridian’s “Tiny” Library in Meridian, Idaho. Board Chair, Megan Sterling voiced her appreciation for the new MEL and wanted to thank MPL for its creativity.
Identify items for future agenda	Board Chair, Megan Sterling, shared that she would like to hear updates on the Summer Reading Program and the Southeast Mesa Library project. Heather Wolf also shared that a Budget update would come in a future meeting as well.
Next Meeting Dates	May 18 th , 2021 – Held virtually on Zoom
Adjournment	Board member Cynthia Jones moved, and Steven Miner seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed: AYES – Sterling, Jones, Wilson, Bachman, Ross, Petroff, Frklich, Smith and Miner NAYS – None The next meeting will be held on the 18 th of May 2021 at 5:30 p.m. held virtually on Zoom.

Heather Wolf, Library Director signs for minutes